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In re Application of :
DOUGLAS, Donald, et al. :
PCT No.: PCT/CA99/01142 : DECISION
U.S. Application No.: 09/857,234 :
International Filing Date: 30 November 1999 :
Priority Date: 02 December 1998 :
Attorney's Docket No.: 021340-00008 :
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MULTIPLE :
STAGES OF MASS SPECTROMETRY :

In a decision mailed 04 January 2002, this Office held that applicants had not provided a fully executed declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497 and in satisfaction of 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4). Specifically, the decision stated that, while applicants had submitted an acceptable declaration from inventors Bruce Collings and Donald J. Douglas, the declaration filed on 25 June 2001 and executed by inventor Jennifer Campbell was unacceptable for failure to adequately identify the specification to which it was directed.

On 01 April 2002, applicants filed the "Response To Decision On Petition Dated January 4, 2002" considered herein (the Response included a certification under 37 CFR 1.8 that it had been mailed on 04 March 2002 and is therefore considered a timely response to the earlier decision). Accompanying the Response was a revised declaration executed by Jennifer Campbell which identifies the present application and otherwise complies with 37 CFR 1.497.

Applicants have now submitted a fully executed declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497. Accordingly, as of 01 April 2002, applicants have satisfied the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4).

This application is being forwarded to the National Stage Processing Branch of the Office Of PCT Operations for further processing in accordance with this decision. The 35 U.S.C. 371 date is 01 April 2002.


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